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2023-24 SEASON SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

PRESEASON

10/10	VS ORLANDO	7:00 PM	BSNO
10/12	VS HOUSTON •	7:00 PM	▲
10/14	AT ATLANTA	2:30 PM	▲
10/17	AT ORLANDO	6:00 PM	▲

REGULAR SEASON

10/25	AT MEMPHIS	7:00 PM	BSNO
10/28	VS NEW YORK	6:00 PM	BSNO/NBATV
10/30	VS GOLDEN STATE	7:00 PM	BSNO/NBATV

NOVEMBER

11/1	AT OKLAHOMA CITY	6:30 PM	BSNO/ESPN
11/2	VS DETROIT	7:00 PM	BSNO
11/4	VS ATLANTA	6:00 PM	BSNO
11/6	AT DENVER	8:00 PM	BSNO
11/8	AT MINNESOTA	7:00 PM	BSNO
11/10	AT HOUSTON •	7:00 PM	BSNO
11/12	VS DALLAS	6:00 PM	BSNO
11/14	VS DALLAS •	7:00 PM	BSNO
11/17	VS DENVER •	7:00 PM	BSNO
11/18	VS MINNESOTA	6:00 PM	BSNO
11/20	VS SACRAMENTO	7:00 PM	BSNO
11/22	VS SACRAMENTO	7:00 PM	BSNO
11/24	AT LA CLIPPERS •	9:30 PM	BSNO
11/25	AT UTAH	8:30 PM	BSNO
11/27	AT UTAH	8:00 PM	BSNO
11/29	VS PHILADELPHIA	7:00 PM	BSNO

DECEMBER

12/1	VS SAN ANTONIO	7:00 PM	BSNO
12/2	AT CHICAGO	7:00 PM	BSNO
12/11	VS MINNESOTA	7:00 PM	BSNO
12/13	AT WASHINGTON	6:00 PM	BSNO
12/15	AT CHARLOTTE	6:00 PM	BSNO
12/17	AT SAN ANTONIO	2:30 PM	BSNO
12/19	VS MEMPHIS	6:30 PM	TNT
12/21	AT CLEVELAND	6:30 PM	BSNO
12/23	VS HOUSTON	6:00 PM	BSNO
12/26	VS MEMPHIS	7:00 PM	BSNO
12/28	VS UTAH	7:00 PM	BSNO
12/31	VS L.A. LAKERS	6:00 PM	BSNO

JANUARY

1/2	VS BROOKLYN	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/3	AT MINNESOTA	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/5	VS LA CLIPPERS	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/7	AT SACRAMENTO	5:00 PM	BSNO
1/10	AT GOLDEN STATE	9:00 PM	BSNO/ESPN
1/12	AT DENVER	8:00 PM	BSNO
1/13	AT DALLAS	7:30 PM	BSNO
1/15	AT DALLAS	1:30 PM	BSNO
1/17	VS CHARLOTTE	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/19	VS PHOENIX	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/23	VS UTAH	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/26	VS OKLAHOMA CITY	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/27	AT MILWAUKEE	7:00 PM	BSNO
1/29	AT BOSTON	6:30 PM	BSNO
1/31	AT HOUSTON	7:00 PM	BSNO

FEBRUARY

2/2	AT SAN ANTONIO	7:00 PM	BSNO
2/5	VS TORONTO	7:00 PM	BSNO
2/7	AT LA CLIPPERS	9:00 PM	BSNO/ESPN
2/9	AT L.A. LAKERS	9:30 PM	BSNO/NBATV
2/10	AT PORTLAND	9:00 PM	BSNO
2/12	AT MEMPHIS	7:00 PM	BSNO
2/14	VS WASHINGTON	7:00 PM	BSNO
2/22	VS HOUSTON	7:00 PM	BSNO
2/23	VS MIAMI	9:00 PM	BSNO/ESPN
2/25	VS CHICAGO	6:00 PM	BSNO
2/27	AT NEW YORK	6:30 PM	BSNO
2/28	AT INDIANA	6:00 PM	BSNO

MARCH

3/1	VS INDIANA	7:00 PM	BSNO
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3/8	AT PHILADELPHIA	6:00 PM	BSNO
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3/22	AT MIAMI	7:00 PM	BSNO/NBATV
3/24	AT DETROIT	2:00 PM	BSNO
3/26	VS OKLAHOMA CITY	7:00 PM	BSNO
3/28	VS MILWAUKEE	7:00 PM	BSNO/NBATV
3/30	VS BOSTON	4:00 PM	BSNO/NBATV

APRIL

4/1	VS PHOENIX	7:00 PM	BSNO
4/3	VS ORLANDO	7:00 PM	BSNO
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4/7	AT PHOENIX	5:00 PM	BSNO
4/9	AT PORTLAND	9:00 PM	BSNO
4/11	AT SACRAMENTO	9:00 PM	TNT
4/12	AT GOLDEN STATE	9:00 PM	BSNO
4/14	VS L.A. LAKERS	2:30 PM	BSNO

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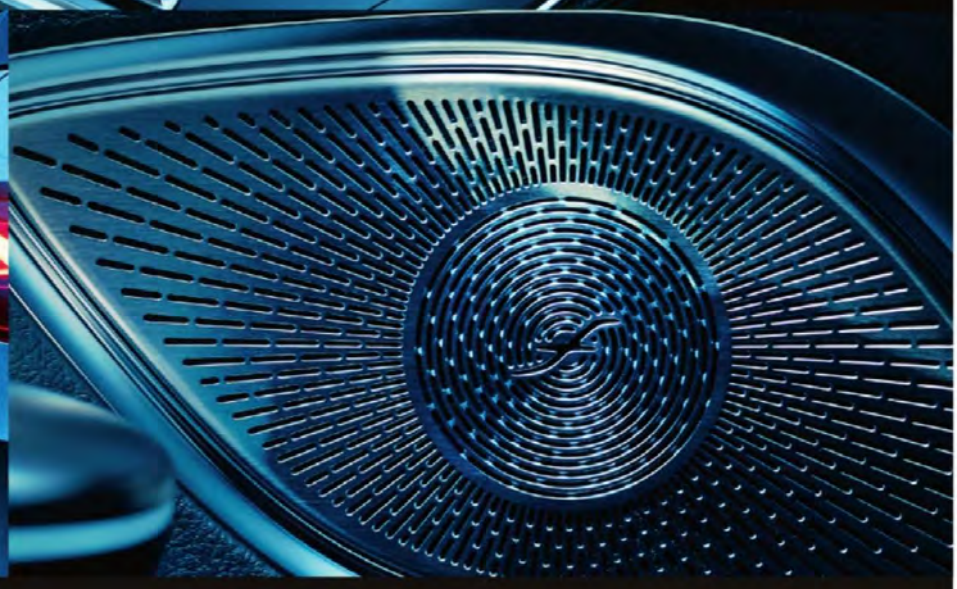

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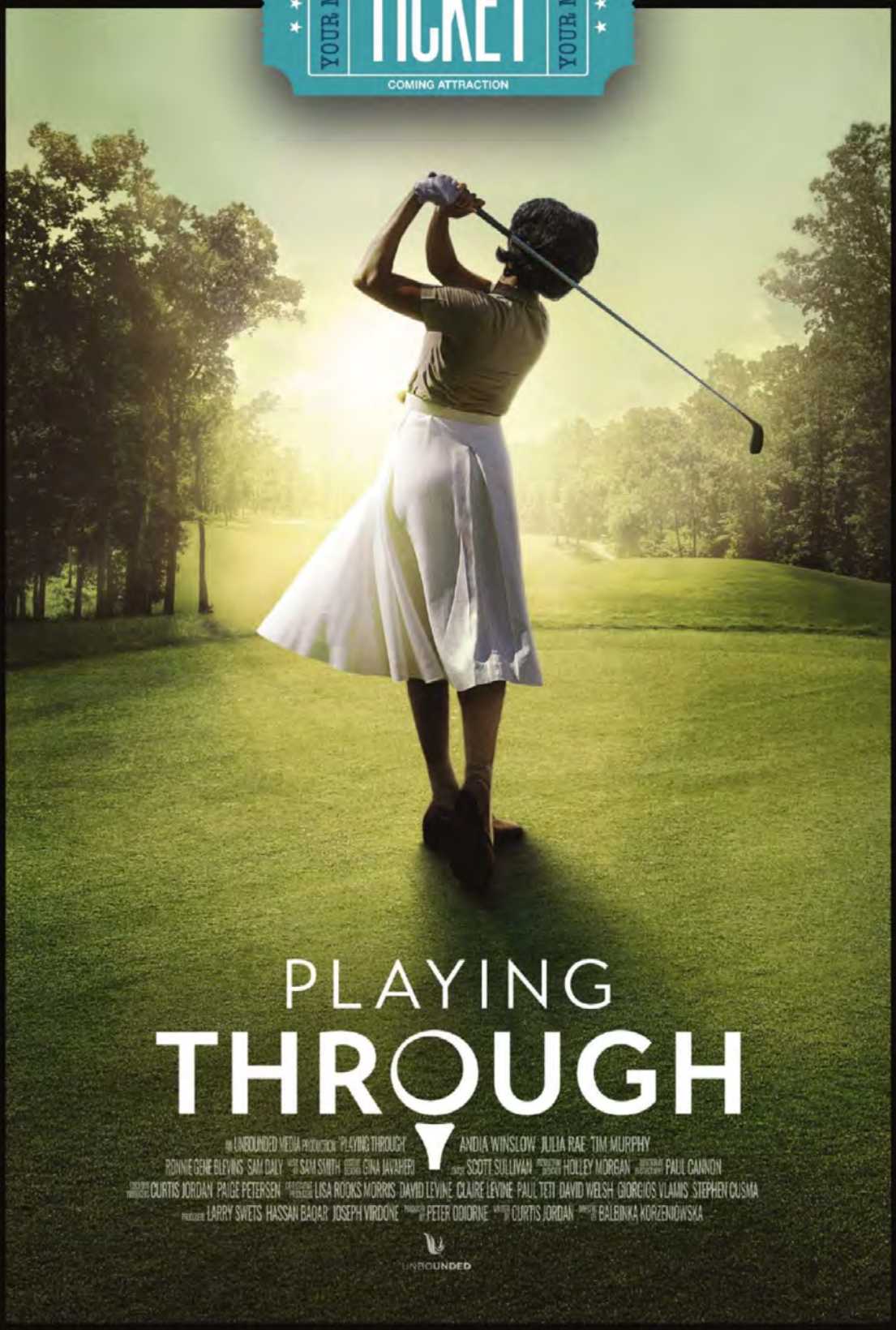
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GAYLE BENSON
GOVERNOR

Gayle Benson provides leadership for the New Orleans Pelicans and New Orleans Saints as Governor, succeeding her husband, Tom Benson, who passed away on March 15, 2018, after purchasing the Saints in 1985 and the Pelicans franchise in 2012. The New Orleans native is an accomplished business professional and philanthropist with strong ties to the local community and a dedication to the growth and enhancement of the Gulf South region.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson worked together to build championship-level NBA and NFL organizations, housed in state-of-the-art facilities at the Ochsner Sports Performance Center, Smoothie King Center and Caesars Superdome, while making a positive impact in the community away from the basketball court and football field as well.

Immediately upon Mr. and Mrs. Benson's purchase of the former Hornets franchise from the NBA in 2012, construction began on a state-of-the-art basketball practice facility to house the entire organization together, and the franchise was rebranded as the Pelicans. Through agreements with the State of Louisiana, the Smoothie King Center has undergone a complete renovation since the 2012 purchase, featuring a new center-hung HD scoreboard, which debuted in 2015, along with several additional fan upgrades. Because of the Bensons' commitment to the arena, NBA All-Star Weekend was awarded to New Orleans in 2014 and 2017, making the city one of just seven current NBA markets to host the mid-season event at least three times.

Active in league affairs, Mrs. Benson serves as a member of the NBA's Labor Relations Committee and was named to the NBA Foundation Board of Directors in 2020. As a board member, she is constantly an advocate for the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana. Since her 2020 addition, every distribution by the foundation has benefited New Orleans nonprofits. On the court, she oversaw a significant overhaul of the Pelicans in 2019 when she hired Executive VP of Basketball Operations David Griffin and committed to significant upgrades to the Ochsner Sports Performance Center's basketball facilities. Through the support of these organizational improvements by Mrs. Benson, combined with a shrewd build of the roster and the hiring of Head Coach Willie Green, the Pelicans have established a strong foundation.

In addition to running both an NBA and NFL franchise, Mrs. Benson led the relocation and renaming of the Pelicans G-League affiliate, the Birmingham Squadron. The name, which was announced in 2021, not only references Benson's NBA team (a Squadron is a group of Pelicans), but honors Alabama's military history. The decision to place the team in Birmingham came easily to Mrs. Benson, who has shown a perpetual effort to grow both the game of basketball and the Gulf South economy. In their inaugural season, the Squadron made the playoffs and ranked second in league attendance. Benson's commitment to the Birmingham community is apparent in her investments to various local organizations.

Under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Benson, the Saints have reached new heights since 2006, when they entrusted Executive-Vice President/General Manager Mickey Loomis to set the direction for the organization, making important coaching hires and continually supplementing and upgrading the roster through the draft, free agency and trades. Since then, the franchise has reached its highest point of success, posting a 175-116 record from 2006-22, featuring ten winning seasons, nine playoff berths, seven division titles, three NFC Championship appearances and the Super Bowl XLIV title. Off the field, the Caesars Superdome is more than halfway through a five-year, multiple-phase enhancement. The Caesars Superdome has been sold out on a season ticket basis for every campaign since 2006, with a waiting list of over 73,000 and 172 consecutive sellouts for contests played at the facility through 2022. The facility is currently undergoing a $475 million renovation which will allow it to retain its standing as one of the world's iconic multipurpose facilities. The club has also positioned itself as a leader in the community, assisting with the recovery from several natural disasters as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, while constantly working to enhance the region as a whole.

Community investment and giving back have been hallmarks of Mr. and Mrs. Benson's ownership of the Pelicans and Saints. This tradition continues under the stewardship of Mrs. Benson, who shares her late husband's vision and passion for helping others. She has further enriched the New Orleans community through her support of causes in the health and wellness, cancer care, education, arts and faith-based sectors.

As dedicated corporate citizens, the Pelicans and Saints annually put millions of dollars back into the community in financial support, in-kind donations, charitable appearances and donations of goods and services. Mrs. Benson's philanthropic leadership has been recognized far and wide since she became Governor.

Mrs. Benson has always responded to community hardships and adversity by getting involved and taking action. With the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Ida challenging the New Orleans area and its citizens since 2020, Mrs. Benson has donated over $2 million, partnering with the Greater New Orleans Foundation to assist local organizations and individuals in need to help the region and its residents recover from these circumstances. In 2020, utilizing the platform of the Saints and Pelicans to harness the unifying power of sport, Benson formed the Social Justice Leadership Alliance to advance race relations across the Gulf South and the country. The alliance, which features front office executives and players from both franchises in leadership positions, advocates for issues of change in minority communities.

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In 2014, Mrs. Benson was honored with the New Orleans Council for Community and Justice Weiss Award, recognizing achievement for exceptional civic and humanitarian contributions. In 2015, Mr. and Mrs. Benson were honored by the regional chapter of the Anti-Defamation League with the A.I. Botnick Torch of Liberty Award.

In March 2018, Mrs. and Mr. Benson (posthumously), received a Dermot McGlinchey Lifetime Achievement Award from Tulane University, honoring those who have demonstrated service, volunteer involvement and commitment to Tulane and their hometown communities. In September of 2018, Mrs. Benson was inducted into the University of New Orleans' Hall of Distinction, along with her late husband (posthumously).
In 2019, Mrs. Benson received several important honors. She was honored by Xavier University of Louisiana with the Sister Maris Stella "Women of Faith" Award and was recognized by the United Negro College Fund with the group's MASKED Award for her support of educational opportunities for all. Mrs. Benson was honored by the Allstate Sugar Bowl Chapter of the National Football Foundation/College Football Hall of Fame with its Distinguished American Award. The National World War II Museum selected her as an American Spirit Medallion recipient. The Greater New Orleans Foundation honored Mrs. Benson with the organization's Spark Plug Award, given to an individual whose philanthropy in the greater New Orleans community has been exemplary.

In 2021, Mrs. Benson was presented by the University of Holy Cross with its Spes Unica Award, the educational institution's highest honor, based on her support of the university's mission to educate both the mind and heart. She was the Times-Picayune's 2021 Loving Cup award winner, an honor which has been presented since 1901 to men and women who have performed exemplary service to the community without expecting material recognition. Mrs. Benson was recognized by the local charity, Clover, as a co-recipient of the 2022 Reverend Beverley Warner Ward, for her extensive work with the non-profit whose mission is to educate children, strengthen families and build community. Mrs. Benson was honored by the American Cancer Society's Louisiana Chapter with their 2022 Heart & Soul Award for her constant support in the fight against cancer through the services provided to cancer patients, families and caregivers at Ochsner's Gayle and Tom Benson Cancer Center. She was recognized by the Southeast Louisiana Council, Boy Scouts of America with their 2022 "Distinguished Citizen" Award.

In August of 2023, Mrs. Benson received Kulture City's prestigious Human Highlight Never Moment Award in Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. Benson was recognized for the organizations' commitment to persons with disabilities, including the Kulture City sensory rooms at the Smoothie King Center and Caesars Superdome, as well as the 2023 Saints Draft Crawfish Cook-Off, benefiting Autism Society of Greater New Orleans, Autism Speaks, Kulture City, Raphael Village and SOAR.

Mrs. Benson has received three important honors, recognizing her local commitment in both the business and charitable arenas. She was honored as a "Louisiana Legend" by Louisiana Public Broadcasting for distinguishing herself in the sports field and through her philanthropy. She was the recipient of the 2023 Black College Football Hall of Fame Founders Award, recognizing her and the Saints organization's financial support and community involvement with the HBCU Legacy Bowl postseason college football all-star game played at Tulane University. Tulane honored Mrs. Benson with the university's 2023 Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year award.

In addition to serving on the boards of several local educational institutions and the New Orleans Museum of Art, Mrs. Benson also is a member of the Audubon Commission, which oversees the Audubon Nature Institute.

Mrs. Benson has been a longtime trusted and valued member of the local Catholic community, reflecting her deep faith. She has worked tirelessly with the Archdiocese of New Orleans' Catholic Charities organization and its umbrella agencies. These agencies feature nearly 50 programs and three affiliated ministries that deliver health and human services to the poor and vulnerable in the eight parishes that the Archdiocese serves, as well as food and nutrition services statewide. Mrs. Benson has also worked closely with St. Louis Cathedral's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. Mrs. Benson's support of the Church has been recognized on numerous occasions. In 2002, she received the Medal of the Order of St. Louis Award for her dedication to the Church. In 2010, she became an Honorary Oblate of Mary Immaculate.

In 2012, Mr. and Mrs. Benson received from Pope Benedict XVI the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award for outstanding service to the Church and the Pontiff, the highest Papal award granted to a lay person. She holds a leadership role after being inducted as Dame Commander with Star in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and is a member of the Order of St. Lazarus, a confraternity of Christian faithful who profess their commitment to Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Benson began her professional career in 1968 as a manager for noted New York-based costume jeweler Celebrity Jewelry, overseeing and managing the daily operation of over 40 sales associates. She then branched out into real estate development, which allowed her to successfully integrate her passion for interior design with property management. She made her first real estate transaction in 1978 when she purchased a home in New Orleans' Irish Channel, and then sold the property eight months later after extensive restoration. She would go on to purchase, manage and eventually sell several more properties, primarily in the city's Uptown district.

In 1975, Mrs. Benson began a 30-year career in the design industry, where she achieved tremendous success. Throughout the course of her interior design career she was recognized with various professional awards and served as an inaugural member on the Louisiana State Board of Licensing for Interior Designers for four years. She directed numerous major design efforts with her clients, including the Caesars Superdome (formerly Louisiana and Mercedes-Benz Superdome), several of the city's most prestigious hotels, local supermarket chains and automobile dealerships.

In 2000, Mrs. Benson worked with the Superdome on renovations to the iconic New Orleans landmark's third and fourth-level public spaces, in addition to renovations on select suites. She also owned and developed a commercial real estate building on the corner of Laura and Octavia Streets, a women's clothing private enterprise called "Toujours la Ligne" and a designer's showroom called "Designers Resource," which served as a wholesale location for designers and architects seeking to purchase fabric, wall coverings and accessories. In 1983, the Men of Fashion Committee recognized Mrs. Benson as one of the "Ten Best Dressed Women in New Orleans."

In addition to her ownership of the Pelicans and Saints, Mrs. Benson established GMB Racing Stables in 2014 with an initial purchase of seven colts and the hiring of three veteran trainers, all with Louisiana ties. In 2016, two of the thoroughbreds, Mo Tom and Tom's Ready, participated in the Kentucky Derby. Her horse Lone Sailor ran in the 2018 Kentucky Derby and Preakness. She owns Benson Farm in Paris, Ky: a 1,000-acre farm with nearly 50 horses. As part of her passion for horse racing, she is a member of the Jockey Club of New York. Mrs. Benson also serves as the owner of four local automotive dealerships (Best Chevrolet, Cadillac of New Orleans, Mercedes-Benz of New Orleans and Mercedes-Benz Van Center), Benson Tower, Benson Capital Partners, Faubourg Brewing Co., Corporate Realty and as part of a partnership owns the Hyatt Regency New Orleans.

Mrs. Benson was born in New Orleans and grew up in Old Algiers. She began her education in Catholic schools and graduated in 1966 from Martin Behrman High School in Algiers. She received a Doctorate of Letters from Notre Dame Seminary in 2014. Serving as keynote speaker at their respective commencement ceremonies, Mrs. Benson has been awarded honorary degrees from University of Holy Cross (2015), Southern University of New Orleans (2021) and Delgado Community College (2022) and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Loyola University New Orleans (2019).

Mr. and Mrs. Benson married on October 29, 2004 at the Immaculate Conception Memorial Chapel in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Benson died on March 15, 2018.

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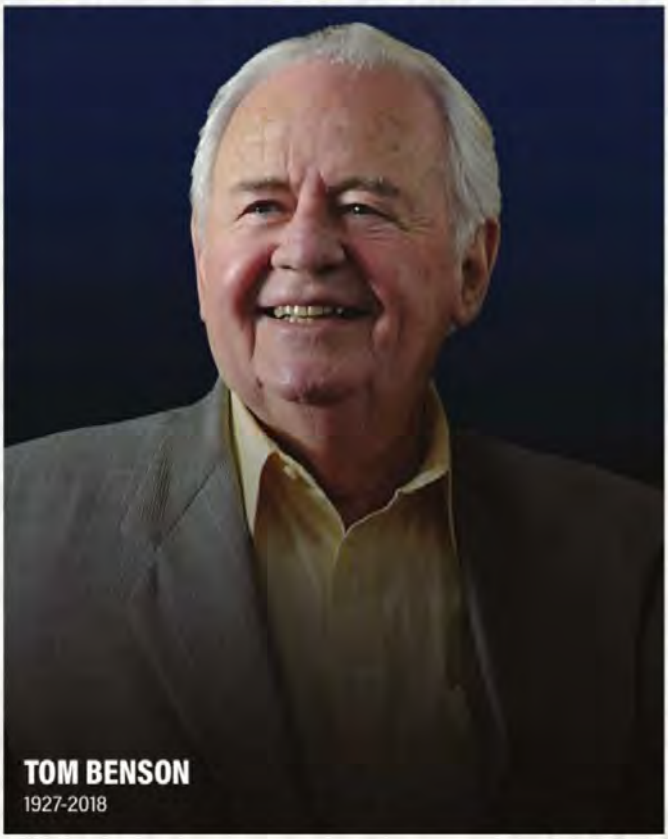

TOM BENSON
1927-2018

In a career in business and professional sports that spanned over 70 years, Tom Benson was an endearing figure in his hometown of New Orleans as well as throughout the NBA and the NFL. Mr. Benson served as the owner of the New Orleans Pelicans since 2012 and the New Orleans Saints since 1985 until his death on March 15, 2018. He was survived by his wife Gayle.

In 2012 Mr. Benson purchased the Hornets franchise from the National Basketball Association, which was successfully rebranded as the Pelicans. The objectives in his ownership of the basketball team were the same as his stewardship of the Saints: to produce a team on-the-court that will compete for championships every year, while making a significant positive impact off-the-court in the community. Upon the ownership transfer, construction immediately started on a state-of-the-art basketball practice facility adjacent to the Saints practice fields, which now comprises the Ochsner Sports Performance Center, with the entire Pelicans organization being housed together for the first time in the franchise's history. Through agreements with the State of Louisiana upon the purchase of the Pelicans, the Smoothie King Center has undergone nearly a complete renovation since the 2012 purchase, featuring a new center-hung HD video scoreboard in 2015, along with several fan upgrades. On the court, after Mr. Benson inherited a team that finished with the worst record in the NBA's Western Conference in 2011-12, the Pelicans have built through a combination of the draft, free agent signings and trades to become a stable and successful organization, reaching the playoffs for the second time in 2018 since the purchase of the club.

BENSON MILESTONES

1985: Ownership of the Saints officially transferred to Tom Benson on May 31 and he becomes managing general partner of the club.

1986: The Benson influence begins as the owner puts his management team in charge of the franchise, hiring Jim Finks as president/general manager and Jim Mora as head coach.

1987: The Saints post a then-franchise-best 12-3 record—including victories in the final nine contests—and make the playoffs for the first time.

1988: The Saints finish 10-6, posting a double-digit victory total again and achieving consecutive winning seasons for the first time.

1989: Mr. Benson appointed Chairman of the league's most influential group, the NFL Finance Committee, a position he kept for three separate stints, before most recently stepping down in 2013.

1990: After winning six of their last nine games, the Saints earn their second playoff appearance by finishing second in the NFC West.

1991: New Orleans clinched its first division championship with an 11-5 record and capture the NFC West.

1992: The Saints post a 12-4 record and host a playoff game for the second-straight year. Mr. Benson assumes sole ownership of the club.

1993: The Saints finish second in the NFC West, with the club recording its seventh-straight non-losing season.

1996: Marking a first for the organization, the coaches, players and staff are housed under one roof with the opening of the team's state-of-the-art facility in Metairie.

2000: New Orleans wins the NFC West with a 10-6 record. The Saints win their first playoff game, a 31-28 thriller over St. Louis in the Superdome.

2002: The city hosts its fourth Super Bowl during Mr. Benson's tenure as owner. Mr. Benson promotes Mickey Loomis to General Manager of Football Operations.

2003: Mr. Benson again appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee; Construction of new indoor practice facility and other improvements are finished before training camp, as the club holds camp in Metairie for the first time in franchise history.

2005: After Hurricane Katrina ravaged the Gulf South on the verge of the NFL's opening weekend, Benson was forced to move the club's entire operation. Under his leadership, the Saints were able to continue the season, including holding four games in Baton Rouge. The club established the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, raising over $1 million.

2006: The team returns to Louisiana, with Mr. Benson positioning the club as an emblem of the state's resolve and determination in rebuilding. The Saints—selling out on a season-ticket basis for the first time—win the NFC

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South title under the guidance of new head coach Sean Payton and the spark of free agent acquisition Drew Brees, finishing at 10-6. The victory total included a memorable, 23-3 win over Atlanta in the reopening of the Superdome. The team advanced to the NFC Championship for the first time in franchise history. Payton and Loomis were consensus choices for the NFL Coach of the Year and NFL Executive of the Year awards respectively.

2008: Mr. Benson purchases WVUE, making FOX-8 the only network-affiliated television station in the New Orleans market that is wholly locally owned. The Saints defeat the San Diego Chargers at London's Wembley Stadium, playing in their first regular season game outside the United States.

2009: In what Mr. Benson considers part of his legacy in Louisiana, the New Orleans native reaches an agreement with the state through 2025 that will create a new Sports Development District downtown, including a completely renovated Mercedes-Benz Superdome. The Benson family purchased and redeveloped two properties—each adjacent to the Superdome—an economic windfall for the region without any new taxes. New Orleans is selected by the NFL to host Super Bowl XLVII, to be played on February 3, 2013, with Mr. Benson serving as the city's leading advocate in the campaign. It is the fifth time New Orleans will host the Super Bowl since he's owned the club. On the field, the Saints enjoy their most successful season in franchise history. New Orleans sets a club record for victories with a 13-3 regular season, capturing the NFC South title. The Saints then hosted the NFC Championship game for the first time and advance to their first Super Bowl with a 31-28 overtime victory over the Minnesota Vikings on January 24, 2010. New Orleans then defeated the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17, on February 7, 2010, in Super Bowl XLIV at Sun Life Stadium in South Florida to give the Saints their first-ever NFL title.

2010: Sparked by a six-game winning streak, the Saints finish 11-5 and qualify for the playoffs, making back-to-back postseason appearances for the first time since 1992.

2011: The Saints enjoy an eight-game winning streak to end the regular season and finish 13-3, capturing their second NFC South title in three seasons. The team sets the NFL single-season record for total net yardage, while Brees and RB Darren Sproles set the NFL's single-season passing yardage and all-purpose yardage records.

2012: Continuing his longstanding commitment to the Gulf South region and the City of New Orleans, Mr. Benson agrees to purchase the National Basketball Association's New Orleans Hornets. The Saints practice facility undergoes a multimillion dollar renovation and expansion, which will house both the NFL and NBA clubs under one roof. Brees sets an NFL record that stood since 1960, as he threw a touchdown pass in 54 consecutive games.

2013: The City of New Orleans hosts Super Bowl XLVII on February 3, the 10th time the Crescent City has hosted the league's championship game (tied for first with South Florida) and the fifth time during Mr. Benson's ownership tenure.

The Pelicans make their debut under the team's new namesake on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Opening Night against the Indiana Pacers.
2014: New Orleans and the Pelicans host the 2014 NBA All-Star festivities from Feb. 14-16 for the second time in six years. For the first time in its history, the home of New Orleans' NBA team has naming rights as the New Orleans Arena becomes the Smoothie King Center as the locally-born company makes the ultimate commitment to the city.

2015: The Pelicans make the postseason for the first time under Mr. Benson's ownership. The team finishes the regular season 45-37, marking both the first winning season and playoff appearance since the 2010-11 season. The postseason run is the first under the new Pelicans identity.

2017: New Orleans hosts NBA All-Star Weekend for the second time under Mr. Benson's ownership, and the third time overall, making the Crescent City one of just six current NBA markets that have hosted the event three times. Pelicans forward Anthony Davis is named a starter for the Western Conference and earns MVP honors of the NBA All-Star Game, scoring an All-Star Game record 52 points. On July 26, the New Orleans Pelicans and Saints announce a multi-year agreement with Ochsner Health System to re-name the campus on Airline Drive the Ochsner Sports Performance Center. On Oct. 25, the Pelicans and Zatarain's announce a new integrated marketing partnership featuring the company's name, brand and logo on the team's uniforms beginning with the 2017-18 NBA season.

2018: The 2017-18 New Orleans Pelicans finish the regular season with 48 wins - the third most in franchise history - and make the playoffs for the second time since Mr. Benson's purchase. New Orleans secures a first round sweep of third-seeded Portland, advancing to the Western Conference Semifinals for just the third time in franchise history. In March, Mr. Benson passes away at the age of 90, and Mrs. Benson becomes Owner of the Pelicans, Saints and Mr. Benson's business enterprises.

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2019: Mrs. Benson completes her first season as Owner of the Pelicans and the organization begins taking steps for the next chapter of professional basketball in the Crescent City. On April 17, Mrs. Benson names highly sought-after front office veteran David Griffin as the new Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations. Upon Griffin's appointment, the Pelicans also add renowned athletic trainer Aaron Nelson as Vice President of Player Care & Performance on May 8, Trajan Langdon as General Manager on May 19, and WNBA-veteran Swin Cash as Vice President of Basketball Operations and Team Development on June 10, making her one of the highest ranking female executives in the NBA. On May 14, New Orleans defies the odds, and, with just a six-percent chance, wins the 2019 NBA Draft Lottery, leading to the franchise selecting Duke's Zion Williamson with the first overall pick in the 2019 NBA Draft on June 20. In July, Griffin and his front office staff execute the trade of All-Star forward Anthony Davis to the Los Angeles Lakers that nets the Pelicans a historic number of young players, draftees and future draft picks, radically re-shaping the roster ahead of the 2019-20 season. During the off-season, the Pelicans' practice facility at the Ochsner Sports Performance Center undergoes a multi-million dollar renovation, which includes a completely re-envisioned weight room, medical facilities and team locker room.

2020: Mrs. Benson formed the Gayle Benson Community Assistance Fund, starting with a personal $1 million donation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to her donation, a significant amount of additional money has been raised through her encouragement and the commitment of the local business community, with the donations being disbursed through the Greater New Orleans Foundation with an emphasis on individuals working in the restaurant, service and gig industries who have been severely impacted by the pandemic. In addition, Mrs. Benson created the New Orleans Pelicans and Saints Social Justice Leadership Alliance. An internal action team, the Social Justice Leadership Alliance is guided by the direction and advice of Pelicans and Saints players. The Alliance was created to listen and learn, create programming and develop action items to impact positive social justice change. The primary areas in which the Social Justice Leadership Alliance will focus include education and civic engagement, justice system, police and economic reform.

2021: Following an extensive search led by Mrs. Benson, Griffin, and Langdon, Willie Green was introduced as the eighth head coach of the New Orleans Pelicans. After a 12-year career as a player, Green served five seasons as an NBA assistant coach with Phoenix and Golden State from 2016-21.

On and off the court, the Pelicans, under Mrs. Benson's leadership, respond to Hurricane Ida, which battered the Louisiana Coast on August 29. Starting with a $1 million donation to the Pelicans and Saints Gulf Coast Renewal Fund, over $5 million would be raised to support deserving nonprofits supporting relief and rebuilding efforts on the Gulf Coast.

2022: The Pelicans earned their first playoff berth since 2018 despite a 1-12 start to the season to earn the ninth seed and reach the postseason Play-In Tournament. The Pelicans defeated San Antonio and the LA Clippers to clinch a First Round matchup against the Phoenix Suns, in which they pushed the one-seed to six games.

In a presentation held at the Ochsner Sports Performance Center, Mrs. Benson received the New Orleans Times-Picayune Loving Cup Award for 2021, which annually has been awarded to New Orleanians whose philanthropic efforts

and community involvement soar above and beyond. Mrs. Benson was recognized for her leadership in a community that was adversely affected by both the COVID-19 Pandemic and Hurricane Ida in 2021. Mrs. Benson and the Saints and Pelicans franchise stepped up to support the region with a combination of financial support of local nonprofits, volunteerism and providing inspiration and example to a community in need.

With the leadership of Mr. Benson as honorary chair, the tenth annual Moonlight & Miracles gala at the Caesars Superdome raised over 1.8 million dollars to directly benefit patients and programs of the Ochsner Cancer Institute patients and programs at comprehensive cancer centers located throughout New Orleans, Baton Rouge and the Northshore.

Mrs. Benson received the Southeast Louisiana Council's Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award for 2022 at the World War II Museum Freedom Pavilion in front of several Saints executives and players. Mr. Benson was previously a recipient in 1986.

2023: The Pelicans finished the 2022-23 campaign with a 42-40 overall record, the team's best record since 2017-18. The club finished the regular season ranked sixth in defensive rating (112.0) and ranked 10th in net rating (1.9) despite a slew of injuries to stars Zion Williamson and Brandon Ingram. The Pelicans finished ninth in the Western Conference and fell to Oklahoma City in the Play-In Tournament.

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DENNIS LAUSCHA

PRESIDENT

Dennis Lauscha was named President of the New Orleans Pelicans and New Orleans Saints in 2012. He serves as a representative for both clubs at NBA Board of Governors and NFL Owners Meetings.

Starting out his career as a C.P.A, Lauscha worked for a major global financial accounting firm before his decades long career with the Saints. He first joined the Saints in 1998 as Treasurer, and as a result of his hard work, loyalty and business acumen, Lauscha rose through the executive ranks to serve as Vice President, Senior Vice President and Executive Vice President before reaching his now esteemed post as President since 2012. In his role, he oversees the club's financial operations, government affairs, marketing, ticket and suite sales, legal, stadium, community affairs, human resources, business intelligence and information technology.

In addition to his duties with the Pelicans and Saints, the New Orleans native maintains multiple roles within Mrs. Benson's other holdings, including a role in the management of her four local automotive dealerships (Best Chevrolet, Cadillac of New Orleans, Mercedes-Benz of New Orleans and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter), Corporate Realty and other real estate holdings, GMB Racing, Faubourg Brewing Co. (which merged with Made By The Water LLC in September of 2022), Benson Capital Partners, and other investments.

Lauscha's collaborative style, financial acumen and long-term view have played a key role in negotiating with the state of Louisiana on behalf of both the Pelicans and Saints. These negotiations resulted in long-term lease agreements, continuous improvements to playing and practice facilities, revitalization of the areas around them and revenue generated for the state without any new taxes for citizens.

In 2009, Lauscha helped negotiate the partnership with the Louisiana Governor that continues the Saints' commitment to the state through 2025. The deal included Mr. Benson purchasing and redeveloping the former New Orleans Centre, which has been transformed into Champions Square, and the Benson Tower property adjacent to the Caesars Superdome, with the stadium itself undergoing extensive renovations and improvements. Since playing a key role in the late Tom Benson's purchase of the Pelicans in 2012, Lauscha has helped broker agreements with the state to upgrade the team's playing and practice facilities. Following successful negotiations, the Pelicans are committed to the state through 2024 and the Smoothie King Center has undergone significant renovations and improvements.

In 2015, Lauscha helped negotiate an agreement with the state that resulted in $40 million in enhancements for fans of both clubs. The Caesars Superdome debuted new state-of-the-art video boards in 2016 in addition to renovated suites and other fan amenities, while a new center-hung HD video scoreboard was installed in the Smoothie King Center for the 2015-16 Pelicans season.

Lauscha has overseen the most recent renovations, upgrades and the ongoing modernization to the iconic Caesars Superdome as part of the $400 million "Envision the Future" campaign which began in 2020 and will continue in phases through 2024 in preparation for New Orleans and Caesars Superdome hosting Super Bowl LIX on February 9, 2025.

Lauscha was instrumental in the 2003 expansion of the Saints training facility. He later oversaw a renovation and expansion of the facilities and administrative offices for the Pelicans and Saints from 2012-13, while directing the construction of a basketball practice facility. The clubs are now housed on the same site, featuring some of the top facilities in professional sports. In July of 2017, Lauscha played a key role in the facilitation of a multi-year naming rights agreement for the entire campus on Airline Drive, renaming it the Ochsner Sports Performance Center. The clubs are now housed on the same site and feature some of the top facilities in professional sports.

Lauscha is committed to help attract major sporting events to New Orleans. He is a key member of the team that actively pursues future NBA All-Star Games, Super Bowls and NCAA Basketball Final Four Championships for New Orleans – and was instrumental in landing Super Bowl XLVII, which was played in 2013, and Super Bowl LIX to be played at the Caesars Superdome in February, 2025, which was awarded by the NFL in 2018. After Mr. and Mrs. Bensons' 2012 purchase of the Pelicans, the city has hosted NBA All-Star Games in 2014 and 2017.

Active throughout both sports and the community, Lauscha currently serves as a member of the Business Council of New Orleans, the Loyola University of New Orleans Board of Trustees, the Audubon Nature Institute Board and the National World War II Museum Board. Lauscha has completed terms as board president of the Preservation Resource Center, president of the regional chapter of the Boy Scouts of America and as a member of the Super Bowl XLVII Host Committee, the NBA All-Star Game Host Committee, the NCAA Final Four Host Committee, the NBA's Team Advisory Council of Presidents, the NFL's Ticketing Strategy Working Group, the NBA's Team CBA Advisory Committee, the Stuart Hall School Board of Trustees, the New Orleans Museum of Art Board, the New Orleans Mayor's Transition Subcommittee and the Loyola University New Orleans School of Business Visiting Committee.

Through Lauscha's dealings with the Pelicans and Saints, state officials and local organizations have provided an opportunity for community involvement. His professional and charitable work was recognized by New Orleans CityBusiness, when Lauscha was selected as one of the 40 Most Influential Members of the Community. The honor is bestowed on those who are laying the groundwork for a better city. In 2010, he was named the Alumnus of the Year by Loyola's College of Business and was named to the 2010 Class of Role Models by the Young Leadership Council. He was honored by the Allstate Sugar Bowl Chapter of the National Football Foundation/ College Football Hall of Fame with its 2014 Distinguished American Award. He was also awarded the Order of West Range by Pi Kappa Alpha. In 2015, Lauscha gave the commencement address to the graduates of the University of New Orleans. He was honored as a 2019 Laureate of Junior Achievement's Greater New Orleans chapter. In 2022, Lauscha was named Jesuit High School Alumnus of the Year.

After graduating from Jesuit High School, Lauscha graduated from the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in business. He has also received a master's of business administration from Loyola University in New Orleans. He has also completed the NFL Managers Program at Stanford University's Executive Education Graduate School of Business.

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DAVID GRIFFIN

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

David Griffin enters his fifth season with the New Orleans Pelicans in 2023-24 after being named the team's Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations on April 17, 2019.

In 2021-22, the Pelicans earned their first playoff berth of Griffin's tenure. The ninth-seed in the Western Conference, New Orleans won both Play-In Tournament games to clinch a First Round matchup against the Phoenix Suns, in which they pushed the one-seed to six games.

Prior to joining the Pelicans, Griffin served as the Cleveland Cavaliers' Vice President of Basketball Operations from 2010-14 and General Manager from 2014-17. Under his guidance, the Cavaliers won 53 games in the 2014-15 season and reached their first of three consecutive trips to the NBA Finals, with Griffin finishing second in NBA Basketball Executive of the Year voting. The following season, Griffin led the Cavaliers to a 57-win season – the third highest total in franchise history – and Cleveland went on to defeat the Golden State Warriors in the 2016 NBA Finals, bringing the franchise its first championship and the city of Cleveland their first professional title in 52 years.

Prior to joining the Cavaliers, Griffin spent 17 seasons with the Suns, the last three as the club's Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations after being named to the position in June 2007. After originally joining the Suns basketball communications department in 1993 as an intern, Griffin saw his responsibilities steadily grow due to his passion, work ethic and analytical expertise.

After aiding the club's media relations efforts for four seasons, Griffin moved to the basketball operations side in 1997, with a primary focus on statistical analysis, draft and free agency information, video preparation and scouting reports. Along the way, Griffin held the titles of Assistant General Manager of Player Personnel, Director of Player Personnel, Assistant Director of Player Personnel and Basketball Operations Assistant with the Suns.

A native of Phoenix, Arizona, Griffin graduated from Arizona State University in 1995 with a degree in Political Science.

GRIFFIN IN THE NBA FRONT OFFICE

Year	Title
1997-00	Basketball Operations Assistant - Phoenix Suns
2000-02	Assistant Director of Player Personnel - Phoenix Suns
2002-03	Director of Player Personnel - Phoenix Suns
2003-07	Assistant General Manager - Phoenix Suns
2007-10	Senior Vice President, Basketball Operations - Phoenix Suns
2010-14	Senior Vice President, Basketball Operations - Cleveland Cavaliers
2014-17	General Manager - Cleveland Cavaliers
2019-Present	Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations - New Orleans Pelicans

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TRAJAN LANGDON

GENERAL MANAGER

Trajan Langdon returns for his fifth season after being named the New Orleans Pelicans General Manager on May 19, 2019, reporting directly to Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations, David Griffin.

During the 2021-22 season, Langdon played a part in the mid-season trade with the Portland Trail Blazers, which netted the Pelicans guard CJ McCollum and forward Larry Nance Jr. who proved integral in the Pelicans playoff push. The Pelicans would go on to win both Play-In Tournament games to advance to the First Round of the 2022 NBA Playoffs, where they would push the Phoenix Suns to six games.

Prior to joining the Pelicans, Langdon served as the Assistant General Manager for the Brooklyn Nets after being named to the post on March 8, 2016. Langdon, who also served as General Manager of the Brooklyn Nets' NBA G League affiliate – the Long Island Nets – was named the 2018-19 NBA G League Basketball Executive of the Year after Long Island tied for the NBA G League's best record (34-16), earning the franchise's first postseason berth as the No. 1 playoff seed in the Eastern Conference, and advanced to the 2019 NBA G League Finals.

Langdon joined the Nets after having served as the Director of Player Administration and Basketball Operations for the Cleveland Cavaliers during the 2015-16 season. While with the Cavaliers, Langdon worked closely with the team's General Manager on various basketball and front office matters, with their community relations team on player programs, and was responsible for pro player personnel reporting for opponents, college and NBA G League scouting. Langdon began his front office career with the San Antonio Spurs, serving as a Pro Scout from 2012-15, and as a member of the team's front office during their 2013-14 championship season.

A first round pick (11th overall) of the Cavaliers in 1999, Langdon played three seasons with Cleveland, where he totaled 119 games, and became the first Alaskan to play in the NBA. Following his stint in the NBA, Langdon played nine seasons overseas in Russia, Turkey and Italy. His best years came with CSKA Moscow, where he was a two-time Euroleague champion (2006, 2008), Euroleague Final Four MVP (2008), two-time All-Euroleague First Team selection (2007, 2008) and All-Euroleague Second Team selection (2006). He was also named to the Euroleague 2001-10 All-Decade Team.

A native of Anchorage, Alaska, Langdon played collegiately at Duke, where he left as the school's all-time leader in three-point field goals made and was a First-Team All-ACC selection (1997-99) and consensus Second-Team All-American (1999). After graduating from Duke with degrees in mathematics and history, he played for the USA Basketball National Team in the 1998 FIBA World Championship, winning the bronze medal.

Trajan and his wife, Tatiana, have three children: a daughter, Anya, and two sons, Tayden and Troy.

LANGDON IN THE NBA/NBA G LEAGUE FRONT OFFICE

Year	Title
2012-15	Pro Scout-San Antonio Spurs
2015-16	Director of Player Administration and Basketball Operations-Cleveland Cavaliers
2016-19	Assistant General Manager-Brooklyn Nets/General Manager-Long Island Nets (G League)
2019-Present	General Manager - New Orleans Pelicans

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SWIN CASH

VICE PRESIDENT OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS & TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Swin Cash is entering her fifth season with the Pelicans after being named the Vice President of Basketball Operations & Team Development in June of 2019. In her role, Cash assists in scouting as well as player development both on and off the court.

During an illustrious 15-year WNBA career, Cash appeared in nearly 500 regular season games with Detroit, Seattle, Chicago, Atlanta and New York. A three-time WNBA champion (2003, 2006, 2010), four-time WNBA All-Star (2003, 2005, 2009, 2011), and two-time WNBA All-Star Game MVP (2009, 2011), Swin also helped lead the U.S. Women's National Team to two Olympic gold medals (2004, 2012) and was named one of the WNBA's Top 20 Best and Most Influential players.

Selected number two overall by Detroit in the 2002 WNBA Draft out of the University of Connecticut, Cash helped the Huskies win national championships in 2000 and 2002 and was named the 2002 Final Four's Most Outstanding Player.

Following her retirement from playing at the conclusion of the 2016 WNBA season, Swin remained with the New York Liberty and assumed a first-of-its-kind WNBA front office position as Director of Franchise Development in January of 2017. Cash also went on to cover sports and culture for several different media outlets, including Turner Sports, CBS Sports, and MSG Network.

Cash was named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2022 on April 2, and was celebrated September 9-10 during the 2022 Enshrinement festivities in Springfield, Massachusetts.

In August of 2021, Cash was formally inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of a class that was originally announced in February 2020 and scheduled to be inducted during a June 2020 ceremony, but was pushed back due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

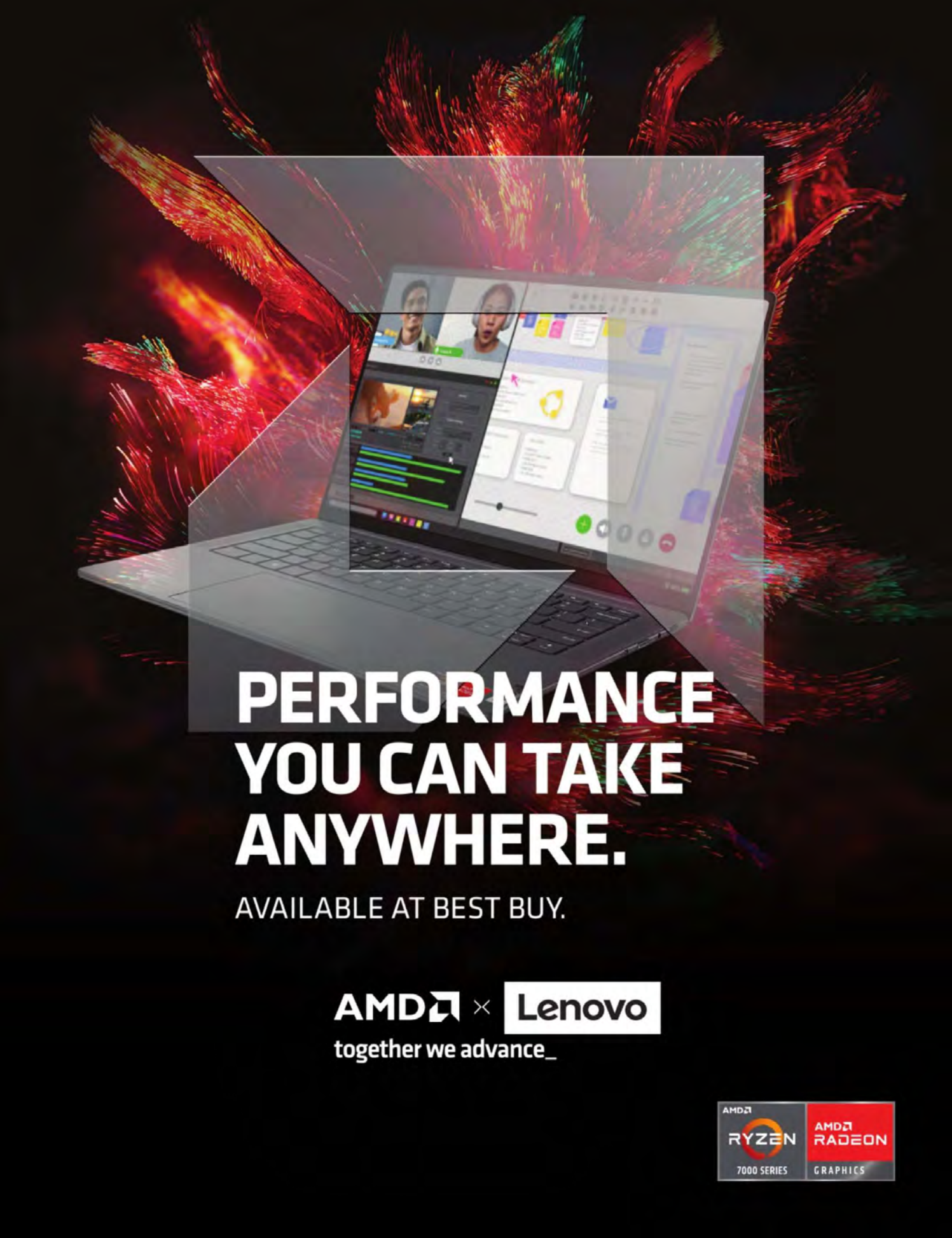
Off the court, Swin is the founder of Cash Building Blocks, an urban development company that renovates and offers affordable homes for low-income families, and the Cash for Kids Charity, whose mission is to motivate, educate & elevate kids through physical fitness, nutrition, education, cultural trips, and sports camps. She has also worked extensively with the NBA as a Global Ambassador for Social Responsibility and Civil Rights. Additionally, Cash is a much sought-after public speaker who has addressed topics of: leadership, teamwork, overcoming adversity (cancer, back surgery), health and fitness, fashion, women's issues, and children's issues. She is the author of Humble Journey, More Precious than Gold, a recounting of her eventful journey through her professional and personal life and her discovery of why the lessons she learned are more precious than the medals she's earned.

Throughout Swin's career she has expressed her passion for public service and philanthropy. Swin has spent over a decade with the WNBPA on the executive committee advocating for players. She has received an honorary doctorate from Washington & Jefferson College for public service and multiple awards and honors of recognition such as History Makers Awardee, Smithsonian - Heinz History Center, Alumnae Hall of Fame, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, March of Dimes New York 2016 Sportswoman of the year award and the 2016 Freedom Award from the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

Additionally, Swin is a part of the Women's Sports Foundation Board, in which the trustees consist of champion female athletes, prominent businesspersons, major benefactors and leaders of women's sports organizations, and the USA Basketball Foundation Board. The USA Basketball Foundation was launched in 2019, and the inaugural board is comprised of Swin Cash, Brent Baumberger, David Denenberg, Joan Scott and Sage Steele.

Cash is invested in mentoring the next generation, as she is on the League Apps Advisor Board, which developed the 'How Not to Suck at Money' software game. The game is an engaging digital experience set in a semi-surreal college town where students will learn to make critical financial decisions by helping characters solve various money dilemmas through choice-based gameplay.

Swin has been awarded multiple WNBA's Care Community Assist Awards for her extensive outreach efforts. Cash enjoys talking to young people, encouraging them to believe in themselves, achieve their goals and become leaders in their communities. She believes this leads to self-confidence, self-development and is essential to helping kids "get in the game" of life.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BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

WILLIE GREEN

HEAD COACH

On July 22, 2021, Willie Green was named Head Coach of the New Orleans Pelicans – the eighth in the franchise's history.

In his second season as the Pelicans Head Coach, Green led the team to a 42-40 overall record, the team's best record since 2017-18. The Pelicans finished the regular season ranked sixth in defensive rating (112.0) and ranked 10th in net rating (1.9). Green led the Pelicans to a ninth-place finish in the Western Conference, where New Orleans fell to Oklahoma City in the Play-In Tournament.

In his first season with the Pelicans, Green led the team to its first playoff appearance since 2018. Praised around the league for his steady and calm demeanor, Green helped the Pelicans overcome a 1-12 start to the season to earn the ninth seed and reach the postseason Play-In Tournament. The Pelicans defeated San Antonio and the LA Clippers to clinch a First Round matchup against the Phoenix Suns, in which they pushed the one-seed to six games.

Green joined the Pelicans after spending the previous two seasons (2019-21) as an assistant coach for the Phoenix Suns. As a part of Head Coach Monty Williams' staff, Green helped guide the 2021 Western Conference Champions to their first NBA Finals appearance since 1993. With Green as their Defensive Coordinator, Phoenix finished the regular season with the NBA's sixth-best defensive rating. He also served as Phoenix's head coach for NBA Summer League in 2019, leading the Suns to a 3-1 record in Las Vegas.

Prior to joining Phoenix, Green spent three seasons (2016-19) as Assistant Coach/Player Development for the Golden State Warriors. While on Head Coach Steve Kerr's staff, Green helped the Warriors win back-to-back NBA Championships in 2017 and 2018 before returning to the NBA Finals in 2019. He also served as the Warriors' Head Coach for NBA Summer League in 2018, leading Golden State to the California Classic's only 3-0 record.

A 12-year NBA veteran as a player, Green averaged 8.3 points, 1.8 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 731 regular season games (297 starts) with Philadelphia, New Orleans, Atlanta, the LA Clippers and Orlando from 2003-2015. The 6-4 shooting guard played his first seven seasons in Philadelphia, including in 2007-08 when he averaged a career-high 12.4 points for the 76ers. He qualified for the playoffs seven times in his 12 seasons, averaging 5.2 points in 36 career playoff games (12 starts). In 2010-11, Green was a key member of a New Orleans team that went on to win 46 games and earn a playoff berth, averaging 8.7 points while appearing in 77 games. For nearly 10 seasons, Green held New Orleans's franchise record for consecutive field goals made in a game (12, 4/8/11 vs. PHX) before the record was broken by Zion Williamson (13, 1/17/21 at SAC).

Prior to being selected with the 41st overall pick by Seattle in 2003, Green was a four-year standout at the University of Detroit Mercy. A native of Detroit, he won Horizon League Player of the Year as a senior in 2003 and helped the Titans to two NIT appearances in 2001 and 2002, including a trip to the semifinals at Madison Square Garden in 2001. Green remains fourth in program history in career points scored.

GREEN YEAR-BY-YEAR
NBA HEAD COACH

Year	Team	W	L	Pct.
2021-22	New Orleans	36	46	.439
2022-23	New Orleans	42	40	.512
Totals		**78**	**86**	**.476**
Playoffs		**2**	**4**	**.333**

GREEN YEAR-BY-YEAR
NBA ASSISTANT COACH

Year	Team	W	L	Pct.
2016-17	Golden State*	67	15	.817
2017-18	Golden State*	58	24	.707
2018-19	Golden State^	57	25	.695
2019-20	Phoenix	34	39	.466
2020-21	Phoenix^	51	21	.708
Totals		**267**	**124**	**.683**

*Won NBA Championship
^Western Conference Champions

NBA PLAYING CAREER

Year	Team	GP	PPG	RPG
2003-04	Philadelphia	53	6.9	1.2
2004-05	Philadelphia	57	7.7	2.3
2005-06	Philadelphia	10	7.0	1.5
2006-07	Philadelphia	74	11.3	2.1
2007-08	Philadelphia	74	12.4	2.5
2008-09	Philadelphia	81	8.5	1.6
2009-10	Philadelphia	73	8.7	1.8
2010-11	New Orleans	77	8.7	2.1
2011-12	Atlanta	53	7.6	1.5
2012-13	LA Clippers	72	6.3	1.3
2013-14	LA Clippers	55	5.0	1.4
2014-15	Orlando	52	5.9	1.5
Totals		**731**	**8.3**	**1.8**
Playoffs		**36**	**5.2**	**1.3**

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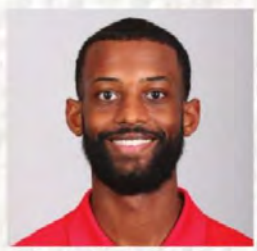

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G	6-7	203	3/17/03	Bendigo, Australia	NBA G League Ignite	NBA Global Academy (Canberra, Australia)	1

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24 JORDAN HAWKINS

POS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	COLLEGE	HIGH SCHOOL	YRS.
G	6-5	192	4/29/02	Gaithersburg, MD	UConn	Dematha Catholic (Hyattsville, MD.)	R

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POS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	COLLEGE	HIGH SCHOOL	YRS.
F	6-8	210	9/2/97	Kinston, N.C.	Duke	Kinston H.S. (Kinston, N.C.)	7

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F	6-6	242	12/18/00	Belleville, IL.	Ohio State	Belleville Township West (Belleville, IL.)	0

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F	6-7	225	1/24/98	Atlantic City, N.J.	Xavier (OH)	Hargrave Military Acad. (Chatham, Va.)	3

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3 CJ McCOLLUM

POS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	COLLEGE	HIGH SCHOOL	YRS.
G	6-3	202	9/19/91	Canton, Ohio	Lehigh	Glen Oak H.S. (Canton, Ohio)	10

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G/F	6-8	211	6/18/00	Durham, N.C.	Virginia	Cary Academy (Cary, N.C.)	2

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F	6-8	242	1/1/93	Akron, Ohio	Wyoming	Revere H.S. (Richfield, Ohio)	8

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50 JEREMIAH ROBINSON-EARL

TWO-WAY PLAYER

POS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	PRIOR TO NBA	HIGH SCHOOL	YRS.
F/C	6-9	230	11/3/00	Kansas City, KS	Villanova	IMG Academy (Bradenton, FL)	2

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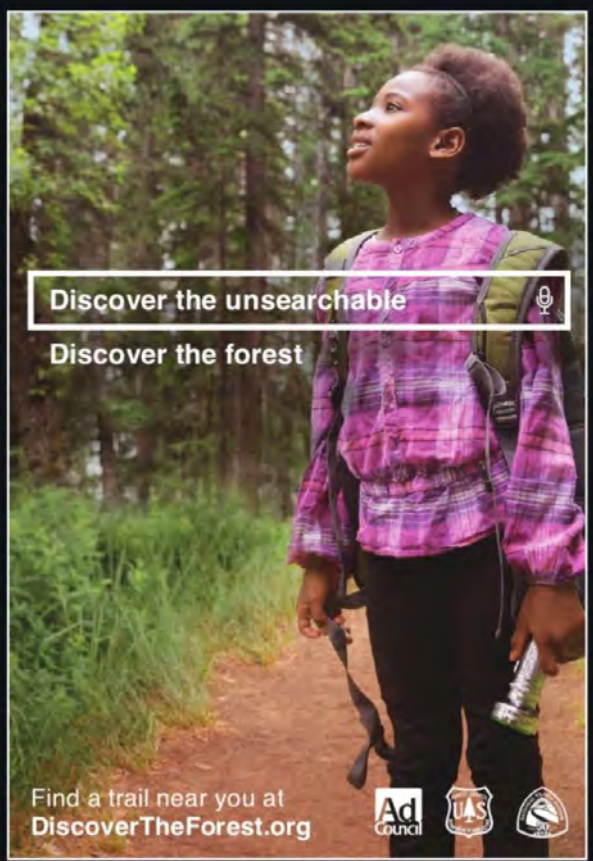

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F	6-7	215	4/17/97	White Plains, NY	Chattanooga	Iona Prep (New Rochelle, NY)	2

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G	6-6	190	5/26/00	Norfolk, Va.	N.C. State	Lake Taylor (Norfolk, Va.)	1

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17 JONAS VALANČIŪNAS

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C	7-0	270	5/6/92	Utena, Lithuania	Lietuvos Rytas	11

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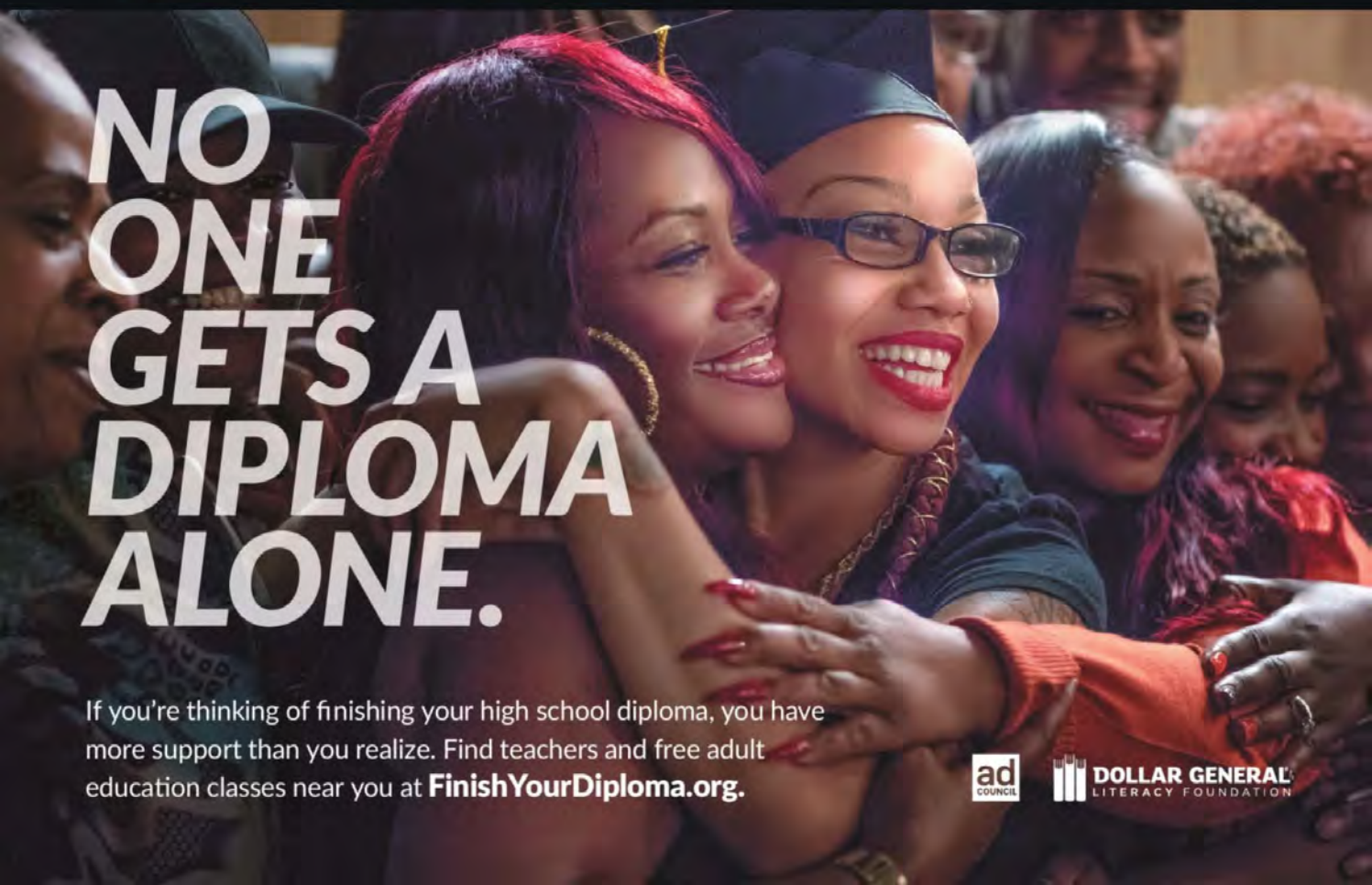

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40 CODY ZELLER

POS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DOB	BIRTHPLACE	COLLEGE	HIGH SCHOOL	YRS.
C	6-11	247	10/5/92	Washington, In.	Indiana	Washington H.S. (Washington, In.)	10

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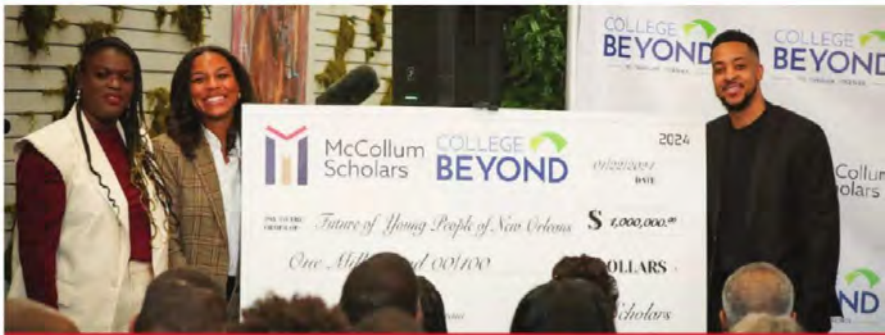
IN THE COMMUNITY

Jordan Hawkins joins the Youth Empowerment Project and 18th Ward Sports Club for a basketball camp.

Brandon Ingram hosts superfan Braden during pregame warmups.

Zion Williamson and the Make-A-Wish Foundation provide George with a full gameday experience.

Larry Nance Jr., Dyson Daniels, Jose Alvarado, E.J. Liddell, CJ McCollum and Jordan Hawkins celebrate Halloween with Ochsner patients.



CJ McCollum launches his McCollum Scholars program, in partnership with local non-profit College Beyond. The initiative will invest a total of $1 million into New Orleans students, with 10 kids receiving $100,000 apiece.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Larry Nance Jr. launches his Zero Hunger Challenge campaign at the Ochsner Sports Performance Center. The initiative collaborates with New Orleans public high schools to identify ways to tackle hunger in the community with Nance providing resources for their projects.

Jose Alvarado surprised a YEP family in need with Christmas gifts and a day at Dave & Buster's.

Brandon Ingram, Trey Murphy III, and Cody Zeller distributed over 100 Thanksgiving meals to the Columbia Parc community in New Orleans in collaboration with Ibotta and the Bayou District Foundation.

Jose Alvarado, Cody Zeller, Jordan Hawkins, and Matt Ryan teamed up with Smoothie King and the Challenged Athletes Foundation to serve as guest coaches for a wheelchair basketball game.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CJ McCollum teamed up with the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights (LCCR) to discuss ways to support the youth within the juvenile justice system.

Pelicans Governor Gayle Benson announces that she is funding the construction of a new Good Shepherd School in full.

CJ McCollum partnered with Goodr to donate groceries to families in need for Thanksgiving. Trey Murphy III joined in to assist with distribution.

Herb Jones gives some pointers at the Pelicans and Northwestern Mutual's youth basketball clinic.

Zion Williamson invited local area students to Sneaker Politics to unveil and give away his new Zion sneakers.

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